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CSA-17 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

Members Present

Campbell, Tom – City of Solana Beach (Alt)
Cerny, Barbara – Torrey Pines Comm. Planning Group
Hickerson, Tom – Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection
Marquardt, Larry – Member at Large
Nichols, Mike – City of Solana Beach
Sinnott, Terry – City of Del Mar (Alt)
Stocks, Jerome – City of Encinitas (Alt)
Zovanyi, Peter – Member at Large

County Staff Present

Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Yaghmaee, Saman

Agency Representatives Present

Gilligan, Matt – SDMS/ Rural Metro
Michel, Tony – Rancho Santa Fe Fire
Muir, Mark – City of Encinitas
Murphy, R.N., Mary – CSA-17 Fire
Olejnik, Lorelee – SDMS/Rural Metro
Russo, Joe – Rural Metro
Twohy, Frank – Elfin Forest HG
Ward, Darrin – Encinitas Deputy Chief of
Operations

Recorder

Wolchko, Janet I.

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Hickerson, Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Larry Marquardt, seconded by Peter Zovanyi to approve the August 2, 2011 minutes. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

None present.

IV. MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT

A. Financial Report (Saman Yaghmaee)

Financial Report Summary to date was given with FY 10/11 Budget Highlights.

- Property Tax Revenue was \$987,298, approximately \$25,000 less than FY 2009/10.
- Benefit Fee Revenue was \$1,349,105, a difference of \$200 from FY 2009/10.
- Total Revenue was at \$2,356,755, approximately \$33,000 less than FY 2009/10.
- Total Expenditures were \$2,642,615, around \$4,028 higher than last year due to an increase in defibrillators' maintenance costs.

Total expenditures exceeded total revenues by \$285,000 in FY 2010/11, which decreased the cash reserve from \$1,378,767 to \$1,092,907 as of July 1, 2011.

Benefit Fee Revenue	\$1,349,105	
Property Tax Revenue	<u>987,298</u>	
Total Revenue		\$2,356,755
Total Expenditures		<u>\$2,642,615</u>
		(\$ 285,860)

FY 11/12 Year-to-date Update (July 1 – October 31, 2011)

Year-to-date expenditures are the same compared to this period last year at \$400,000. Expenditures exceeded revenues for the first half of the fiscal year as property taxes and benefit fees are not transferred until January.

Contract Update:

The contract amendments with SDMS, Rancho Santa Fe and Wittman are in the final stages of the approval process with the County of San Diego Purchasing and Contracting Department. They are expected to go out for contractors signatures within a week. The following amendments will be made to the contract:

- Add resident billing to CSA billing contractor, Wittman.
- Move responsibilities of billing for nonresidents from SDMS to Wittman.
- Transfer the coordinator position from SDMS to Rancho Santa Fe.

In preparation for collection, a new corporation and bank account was created under the name of "CSA-17 San Dieguito Ambulance", and a Tax ID number has been established. Billing will begin for non-public payers as soon as the amendments are executed. We anticipate a billing delay in public payers due to the approval of Medicare and Medi-Cal applications; however, CSA-17 will be able to bill for all the transports since the Ordinance effective date of July 15, 2011.

B. Administrative Report (Bruce Haynes, EMS Medical Director)

1. EMS has been meeting with members of the Beacon Project. The Beacon Project is a health information exchange of patient care records that would be available to hospitals on patients coming in from the field.
2. On November 17, 2011 there is a Statewide Medical Healthcare Exercise that will have a scenario involving loss of water.
3. The "Tale of our Cities" Conference is scheduled for December 12, 2011. The conference includes speakers from cities who have had firsthand experience with terrorist bombings. The focus of the conference is to promote improved levels of awareness, planning and response.
4. During the power outage on September 8, 2011, hospitals experienced issues with backup generators. Patients on home oxygen and oxygen ventilators arrived at hospitals due to the lack of a power source for their equipment. Some hospitals set up oxygen areas with electric lines for patients to plug in their equipment.

Communication issues during the power outage included radio usage and cell phone connections. The QCS system worked well and was relied upon for communication with the hospitals.

The Office of Emergency Services (OES) received after action reports from hospitals and facilities and will be preparing a coordinated report.

C. Medical Director's Report (Bruce Haynes, EMS Medical Director)

1. The flu season is approaching. There have been a few cases of respiratory disease and respiratory disease with fever which were not flu related. Even though the flu vaccine this year is the same as last year, it is still recommended to receive the vaccine this year. The Capacity Taskforce is reviewing the Capacity Plan to prepare for the flu season.
2. Data has been collected on STEMI, Stroke, and Trauma System programs. Previously the predominant trauma patient has been 20 to 40 years of age and motor vehicle accidents were the major cause of injury; now the trauma patient is 45 years of age and older and falls are the major cause of injury. Falls have become the predominant reason patients are sent to the trauma system.

Door-to-balloon time which is the time the patient arrives at the hospital to the time that blood flow has been restored, remains at a median time of 58 to 60 minutes. Since there is a correlation between door-to-balloon time and survival rates from STEMI heart attacks, this could be the reason for a lower death rate from heart attacks.

In 2010 there were approximately 4,900 patients in the stroke system. When patients were given clot dissolving therapy within 60 minutes of arrival at the hospital there were less complications and fewer deaths.

D. Paramedic Provider Report (Matt Gilligan)

1. Exemption reports included the totals for responses and transports by month since July 2008.
2. Training and education for CSA-17 fire personnel is ongoing. A number of classes on OB, dying and SIDS, and training on infection control have been given. Next month there will be a review on difficult airway training and skills. Training is also being coordinated on assessing and treating patients with cerebral palsy.
3. Community education and blood pressure clinics are conducted as well as community outreach programs with Project Heartbeat. CSA-17 representatives attended the City of Solana Beach Fire Department Open House and the City of Encinitas 25th Anniversary celebration.

VI. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Matt Gilligan presented a plaque to Larry Marquardt for his dedication to the community by serving on the CSA-17 Advisory Committee. This is Mr. Marquardt's last meeting as a member of CSA-17.

The next CSA-17 Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Submitted by

Janet I. Wolchko, Administrative Secretary
County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services